



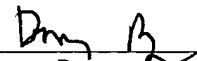
PATENT

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In re Application of: :
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For: **SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE HAVING** : Atty Docket: PRM-00201
AN ANTI-OXIDIZING LAYER THAT :
INHIBITS CORROSION OF AN :
INTERCONNECT LAYER AND :
METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING :
THE SAME (As Amended) :

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Amendments to the Specification are on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are listed beginning on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.

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